

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-74 (canceled)

75. (currently amended) A fastener assembly for use during a surgical procedure for securing a surgical component to a vessel, comprising:

a flexible fastening assembly having a first portion located on one side of the surgical component and a second portion located opposite to the surgical component on one side of the vessel, the first portion and the second portion are drawn substantially together by applying a compressive force to secure the surgical component to the vessel.

76. (previously presented) The fastener according to Claim 75, wherein said fastening assembly is a spring assembly.

77. (previously presented) The fastener according to Claim 76, wherein said spring assembly is a manipulated coil spring.

Claims 78-95 (canceled)

96. (previously presented) The fastener assembly according to Claim 75, wherein each of said first portion and said second portion extends substantially parallel to the vessel wall.

97. (previously presented) The fastener according to Claim 75, wherein at least one of said first portion and said second portion forms a semi-knotted portion when in said second configuration.

98. (previously presented) The fastener according to Claim 76, wherein at least one of said first portion and said second portion forms a semi-knotted portion when in said second configuration.

99. (previously presented) The fastener according to Claim 77, wherein at least one of said first portion and said second portion forms a semi-knotted portion when in said second configuration.

100. (previously presented) The fastener according to Claim 75, wherein said at least one of said first portion and said second portion comprises an axially wound portion or a radially wound portion.

101. (previously presented) The fastener according to Claim 76, wherein said at least one of said first portion and said second portion comprises an axially wound portion or a radially wound portion.

102. (previously presented) The fastener according to Claim 77, wherein said at least one of said first portion and said second portion comprises an axially wound portion or a radially wound portion.

103. (currently amended) ~~A fastener assembly for use during a surgical procedure comprising:~~

~~—— a surgical component;~~

~~—— a vessel;~~ The fastener according to Claim 75, wherein

~~a flexible fastening assembly having at least one coil portion, the coil portion having a first portion located on one side of the surgical component and a second portion located opposite to the surgical component on one side of the vessel, the first portion and the second portion are drawn substantially together by applying a compressive force to secure the surgical component to the vessel~~ disposed on a coil portion of the fastening assembly.

104. (previously presented) The fastener according to Claim 103, wherein the fastening assembly is a spring assembly.

105. (previously presented) The fastener according to Claim 104, wherein the spring assembly is a manipulated coil spring.

106. (previously presented) The fastener according to Claim 104, wherein the fastening assembly comprises a ring type fastener having a pair of fastener legs incorporated therein.

107. (previously presented) The fastener according to Claim 104, wherein the spring assembly comprises a pair of fastening legs.

108. (previously presented) A fastener assembly for use during a surgical procedure for securing a surgical component to a vessel, comprising:

a flexible fastening assembly having at least one coil portion, the coil portion having a first portion located on one side of the surgical component and a second portion located opposite to the surgical component on one side of the vessel, the first portion and the second portion are drawn substantially together by applying a compressive force to secure the surgical component to the vessel.

109. (previously presented) The fastener according to Claim 108, wherein the fastening assembly is a spring assembly.

110. (previously presented) The fastener according to Claim 109, wherein the spring assembly is a manipulated coil spring.

111. (previously presented) The fastener according to Claim 109, wherein the fastening assembly comprises a ring type fastener having a pair of fastener legs incorporated therein.

112. (previously presented) The fastener according to Claim 109, wherein the spring assembly comprises a pair of fastening legs.